REMARKS

By the present amendment, applicant is adding the subject matter of claim 13, found to be allowable subject matter, to claim 12. Further applicant is adding similar subject matter from claim 24 to claim 23 and canceling claims 13 and 24 without prejudice.

In summary, applicant submits that in view of the present amendments, all the pending and amended claims are now in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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